

## **MANIFESTO . MOBILE HOME PERMANENT FABRIC. Katy Boustead . 10555314**

The Australian dream is changing in Australia whilst simultaneously remaining unchanged. A nation which once viewed owning a double-brick Californian bungalow in the 'burbs as their primary goal in life, now sees the ultimate dream as owning anything, anywhere. This is the dream because, if our current housing market continues, it shall remain an unreachable dream for the vast majority of young people attempting to break into the housing market.

Australians are obsessed with the idea of ownership with many young professionals forced to pay excessive rent or travel long distances from the west into the city for work. In more dire circumstances they must make rent and mortgage payments simultaneously, and usually for a property which does not fulfill their living requirements. To make matters worse should their career require them to move they must repeat the process again in another city.

For these reasons I am proposing a development aimed at this target audience, namely young professionals and long-term students. This development would represent one node in a network of similar developments in every major Australian city. The success of this proposal rests solely on the modularity of the development. The only permanent structure on the site shall be the shared amenities on the site (for use by residents and members of the public) i.e. pool, gym, common areas, small discounted office space on Crown and Albion Street as well as the re-accommodated Salvation Army Shelter and Hepatitis C Council Australia; and the super structural grid into which the individual units connect. In order to live in this development residents purchase a unit (approx \$100,000 for 40 square meters). This unit then belongs to them and they have the option of living in whichever location they choose. Should they need to relocate, their unit is simply detached from the superstructure and transported to their new location where it is re-inserted into the grid. The prospect of moving an entire 40 square metres may seem somewhat superfluous, for this reason I will propose a design in which only half of the unit shall be disconnected to be transported, like a packing container, while the other half remains fixed on the site for the use of another half-unit owner.